the old rules provided they refund the excess pay and allowances drawn by them as a result of coming over to the revised scales of pay.

Visit by Foreign Dignitaries to India

2029. DR. MOHD HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign dignitaries who visited India during the last three years; and

(b) the number of visits of the Prime Minister and Indian External Affairs Minister to foreign countries during this period along with the names of such countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as available.

International Conferences held in India

2030. DR MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the number of international conferences held in the country during the last three years along with the names of participating countries;

(b) the total amount of money spent in these conferences.

(c) the number of international conferences attended by India during the period along with the names of such countries where these conferences were held; and

(d) the total expenses of attending these conferences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

Scientists Serving as Pool Officers

2031 DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) what is the number of scientists serving as Pool Officers, till date;

(b) what is the number of Pool Officers employed during the last three years, and

(c) by when the serving Pool Officers are likely to be employed in all the departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K R. NARAYANAN): (a) 615 persons are on rolls as Pool Officers as on 19-11-1987.

(b) 407 Pool Officers left the pool and secured employment during the last 3 years.

(c) According to past trends, about 80 per cent of the Pool Officers will be able to secure regular employment within three years of their joining the Pool

Lok Adalats in the country

2032 DR MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Lok Adalats held in the country Statewise till date;

(b) the number of cases decided by Lok Adalats till June, 1987; and

(c) the number of cases pending in these Adalats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As per information available with the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes, the number of the Lok Adalats held in the country (Statewise), as on 9-11-87 and the number of cases decided by the Lok Adalats till June, 1987, are as follows:—

S. No.	Name of the State/Union territory	Number of Lok Adalats held (as on 9-11-87	Cases settled (up to June,87)
1	Andhra Pradesh	50	25,173
2	Bihar	12	13,384
3	Gujarat	137	22,460
4	Haryana	59	19,807
5	Karnataka	65	2,687
6	Madhya Pradesh	35	1,09,244
7	Maharashtra	431	12,464
8	Orissa	12	1,810
9	Rajasthan	167	2,14,144
10	Tamil Nadu	1	113
11	Uttar Pradesh	404	3,27,954
12	West Bengal	4	140
13	Delhi	7	1,344
14	Goa	1	38
15	Pondicherry	3	69

(c) Lok Adalats are not regularly constituted courts. Normally, the cases taken up by them are disposed of on the same day. The cases not settled at a Lok Adalat for any reason go back to the concerned courts.

Judges Heading Commissions of Enquiry

2033. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 602 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th November, 1987 and state what is the number of sitting Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts who are heading various commissions of enquiry as on 31st October, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Penal Action for False Certificates

2034 SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the penal action with provisions laid down by the Government of India in case of

(i) preparation of false certificates of castes and educational qualification;

(ii) presentation of false certificates as mentioned at (i) above; and

(iii) the acceptance of such certificates by the authorities without verifications?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUB-